



Quarterly Report

THIRD QUARTER FY 2011

July 2011

The Third Quarter of FY 2011 is another reporting period for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding in Arlington. The ARRA is a federal stimulus program passed by Congress in February 2009 to help reinvigorate the economy and diminish the impact of the recession on American families. ARRA funding continues to be a valuable tool for helping U.S. cities revitalize neighborhoods. Approximately \$20 million was awarded to Arlington for programs ranging from homeless prevention and policing to weatherization and transportation services. This FY 2011 Third Quarter Report highlights the Community Development Block Grant – Recovery initiative and its impact on job training and employment.

With the Quarterly Report, the City of Arlington continues to track spending of ARRA dollars. We strive to maximize transparency to ensure that taxpayers are informed about how their dollars are being spent locally. Quarterly spending reports are posted at www.arlingtontx.gov/recovery/index.html along with milestones, achievements and other important resources.

The Ride 2 Work Program

When Jasmine arrived in Arlington from Michigan to start a new job, this single mother of two connected with Water from The Rock.

Water from The Rock is a faith-based community development organization in central Arlington that offers adult literacy, GED classes, computer training, job training and emergency food and clothing assistance to low-to-moderate-income residents.

Because Jasmine had a new job, but no transportation, Water from the Rock Executive Director Reta Elverton helped her apply for assistance with a program called Ride 2 Work.

"Clients who come here for assistance are thrilled to know that Arlington has a service like this," Elverton said.

To date, this nonprofit has helped six of their clients connect with the Ride 2 Work program, and more are expected to apply.

Ride 2 Work Special Project Manager Lyndsay Mitchell says the program is doing a good job of helping Arlington residents access a broad range of employment related activities.

Thanks to \$373,476 in matching funding from the Federal Transit Agency Job Access Reverse Commute Grant, individuals can get low-cost transportation to job training, interviews and child care. A one-way trip is only \$2.

In June, \$122,918 in Community Development Block Grant-Recovery funds

was used to purchase two 14-passenger vans for the Ride 2 Work Program.

The service covers work-related destinations within Arlington, Hurst, Euless and Bedford. It is available five days a week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Riders can also request connections to the Hurst/Bell and Centreport Trinity Railway Express Stations, which can get them to employment opportunities in other Metroplex area communities.

The program is currently serving about 30 Arlington riders, Mitchell said.

Arlington residents can apply for the Ride 2 Work Program at a partner agency such as Mission Arlington, Water From the Rock, Catholic Charities, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Arlington Housing Authority and the Arlington Life Shelter.

To learn more, visit www.Arlingtontx.gov/planning/Ride2Work or call 817-277-6620.

Water From The Rock is connecting more of its clients with the Ride 2 Work Program.

Left to Right: Executive Director Reta Elverton, Administrative Assistant Earlene Carraway with Agency Volunteers Lacy Henderson and Harold Ridley



Other milestones achieved in this quarter include:

- **CDBG-R - Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements:** July 2011-construction substantially complete; August 2011-ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled. **Public Services- Ride2Work Program:** June 2011- two new manufactured vehicles delivered. Program operating and serving low-income residents citywide; continuing to establish a steady client base and looking for local matching funding to continue the program.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)** - During the third quarter, a homeowners' association was formed to provide owner directed governance over common areas for the four townhomes acquired under the Acquisition/Rehabilitation activity of the NSP. Shortly after the homeowners' association was formed, the Arlington Housing Authority (AHA), as developer for the NSP program, received an offer for one of the units and the sale was completed, transforming a vacant, foreclosed home into a newly refurbished, owner occupied home. Also during the quarter, the AHA worked with the Community Development and Planning Department's Urban Design Center to develop conceptual drawings for two homes to be built in 2012 on recently cleared lots in the Acquisition/Demolition/Redevelopment activity.
- **COPS** – Three **Crime Analysts** provide tactical support for operations staff in deploying resources to fight crime. Crime Analysts identify crime trends, provide "hot spot" analysis, and identify offenders in support of investigations. The Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) photographs and documents the crime scene, evidence, and individual's sustained injuries. In addition, the investigator collects, preserves, reconstructs, analyzes, and classifies evidence from crime scenes as well as processes fingerprints, then records, classifies and identifies latent fingerprints. In-depth on scene and laboratory analysis of evidentiary material is also performed. The CSI coordinates with Detectives and/or Federal Agents to successfully conduct scene investigations and evidence collection and prepares detailed reports, documentation, diagrams, and evidence logs to thoroughly explain investigation involvement and discoveries for use in court.

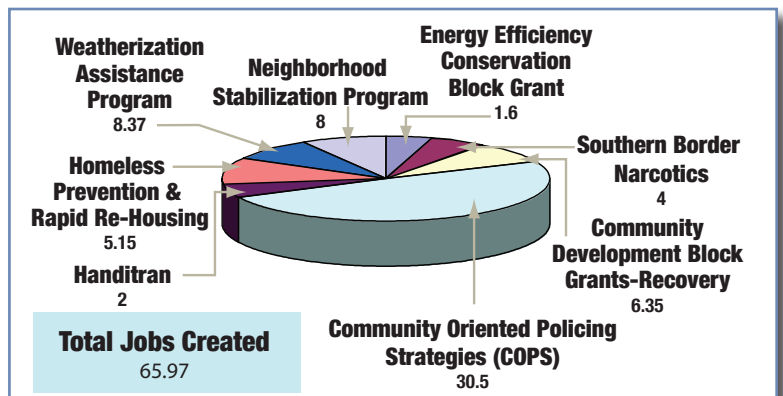
Two **Public Safety Assistants** assist sworn officers by performing tasks for the public when a uniformed officer is not required. Investigating abandoned vehicles, completing offense

reports, directing traffic, and shuttling vehicles are some of the duties performed by the PSA's.

The new **Police Technology Specialist (PST)** is busy implementing IntelliTrack, a new inventory tracking system that is based on bar-code technology. The IntelliTrack system will come on line in the next few months. The bar coding system will allow us to better issue equipment to police officers, especially those who are working special events at the new stadium. The mobile digital video system will allow us to better record our traffic stops and present better evidence to the courts. The PST is also working to improve the mobile digital video system that is installed in police patrol vehicles. He is working to organize efforts to better track equipment that is broken and malfunctioning and improving the time it takes to get the equipment repaired and placed back in service.

The **Teen Court Coordinator** monitors and supervises teen defendants who have requested to join the program or have been mandated by a Judge to enter the program. Teens gain knowledge of the judicial system, give back to the community through the community service they are required to perform, and ultimately become more productive members of society. The community benefits from the community service that the teen has performed and experiences a decline in crime repeated by the Teen defendants.

More information on the Arlington ARRA funding can be found at www.arlingtontx.gov/recovery/index.html.



- ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- EECBG – Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants
- CDBG-R – Community Development Block Grants-Recovery
- Byrne JAG – Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- COPS – Community Oriented Policing Strategies
- DOJ Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States – Department of Justice Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States

